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Subject: Restraint/seclusion

To whom this may concern. I, Tyra Lyons, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the hearing on this Thursday, April 21st due to just finding out about this hearing on today. However, this is a very sensitive and extremely important subject for me and my family. My ten year old daughter attends Martel elementary school within Troy, Michigan. My daughter is disabled with emotional impairment and learning disability. I have asked them several times to not restrain my daughter or put her into a seclusion room. I have recently met with school official to question the training of the staff that apply the restraint. I have had several complaints because during the restraining of my daughter, she has been injured. I have a few pictures of the injuries during different incidents. The restraining and seclusion room is not helping her at all. I feel that it is teaching her to be violent. She doesn't understand why her teachers can inflict pain and injuries and get away with it but if she becomes upset she is being restrained for it. My daughter has become very depressed and has not been able to focus on her academics but rather focuses on the negative energy. Please help us to get the restraining and the seclusion room out of our children's lives. They already suffer enough with the challenges that they face from their various disabilities. Thank you for your immediate attention in this matter.

Ms. Tyra Lyons -

concerned parent